

REMARKS

Prior to this Response, claims 1-24 were pending in this application. Claim 21 has been canceled. No claims have been added or amended. Therefore, claims 1-20 and 22-24 remain presented for examination.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-20 and 22-24 were indicated to be allowable. Applicants have canceled, without prejudice, the only remaining rejected claim (claim 21). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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